

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/838,972 filed on April 20, 2001. Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1-31 are rejected. Claims 19-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 2, 5-13, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sciammarella et al (US Patent 5,912,668). Claims 3, 4, 14-18, and 21-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sciammarella in view of Wang et al. (US Patent 6,028,603).

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112

Applicant has canceled all claims and submitted new claims that are believed to comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.


Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Applicant has canceled all claims and submitted new claims that are believed to distinguish over the cited references. The new claims are supported by the originally-filed specification and claims so that no new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application, including all remaining Claims 32-62, is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

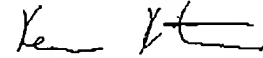
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